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MEMORANDUM FOR WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

SUBJECT: Jena/Auerstadt Staff Ride Memorandum of Instructions

1. The following are a set of instructions for the Berlin Bde Jena Staff Ride scheduled for 21 thru 23 Apr 93.

2. Itinerary.

21 Apr

1500 Prebrief @ MCR Clay HQ  
1600 Depart @ Flag Pole Clay HQ  
2000 Check into Hotel in Jena

22 Apr

0700 Breakfast @ Hotel  
0800 Depart for Jena Battlefield  
TBD Lunch @ Restaurant Wasserberg  
1800 Dinner @ Hotel

23 Apr

0700 Breakfast @ Hotel  
0800 Depart for Auerstadt Battlefield  
TBD Lunch @ Restaurant Thuringer Lankschenke  
Depart for Buchenwald Concentration Camp  
1600 Depart for Berlin  
2000 Arrive @ Flag Pole Clay HQ

3. Transportation. 48 Passenger Tour Bus

4. Uniform. Civilian Clothes, bring hiking shoes

5. Hotel Rooms. Quality Hotel, Rudolfstaedter Str. 82, D-6908 Jena,  
Ph No. 036-415970

6. Cost. All food, transportation and hotel costs will be provided by the government. Everyone will be placed on permissive TDY Orders to cover the absence away from primary duty station.

7. Food Arrangements. Bring your own dinner for bus ride down to Jena on 21 Apr, otherwise breakfast, lunch and dinner will be provided on 22 & 23 Apr.

8. Travel Manifest. SEE ATTACHED LIST

9. Read Ahead Material. Campaigns of Napoleon, David Chandler (book

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issue); Jena and Auerstadt 1805, Battle of the Three Emperors, (Osprey Campaign Series), David Chandler (issued NLT 12 Apr); CINC USAREUR/7A Terrain Walk Guide, Napoleon Jena Campaign 1806 (issued in Feb 93). There have been a lot of changes to the Jena Manifest since the CINC Guide was issued, Bn S-3's should redistribute the Guides within their Bn's in accordance with the changes. There are also a limited number of Guides available in the Bde Signal Office.

10. Subject Matter Expert. COL Stephen L. Bowman, Director of Military History at the Army War College, Former Deputy Rde Cdr, Former History Professor at West Point.

11. Student Briefers. Have been selected to brief specific topics and events on the Battlefield. SEE ATTACHED LIST

12. Map Sheets: L5134 Jena, L4934 Apolda and West Point Maps will be provided at the pre-briefing.

13. Point of Contact for this action is CPT Alexander, 332-6322/6357.

  
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L Name	Rank	Bn	Duty Position	Security Clearance
Yates	MG	BBde	Community Cdr	TS
Semmens	COL	USAREUR		
Nelson	COL	USMCA	Director DEH	S
Naab	CIV	USMCA	Director DPTMS	TS
Bowman	COL		Guest Speaker	
Banks	COL	BBde	Bde Cdr	TS
Weith	LTC	CSB	Bn Cdr	TS
Telencio	LTC	BBde	Bde Chaplain	S
Rodriguez	LTC	5/502nd IN	Bn Cdr	S
Holton	LTC	6/502nd IN	Bn Cdr	TS
Hendrix	LTC	BBde	Bde XO	TS
Betson	LTC	BBDE	Bde G-3	TS
Zodda	MAJ	6/502nd IN	BN S-3	TS
Westfield	MAJ	BBde	G-3Trng	S
Sherrill	MAJ	BBDE	BDE G-4	TS
Meckley	MAJ	6/502nd IN	Bn XO	S
McPherson	MAJ	5/502nd IN	Bn XO	S
Manley	MAJ	BBde	Bde G-2	TS
Kane	MAJ	BBde	Bde G-1	TS
Johnson	MAJ	CSB	Bn S-3	TS
Horton	MAJ	BBde	BSO	S
Essig	MAJ	BBde	PMO	TS
Draffen	MAJ	BBde	FSO	S
Daly	MAJ	CSB	Bn XO	TS
Beasock	MAJ	5/502nd IN	Bn S-3	S
Speed	CPT	CSB	Asst. S-3	
Palmeteer	CPT	6/502	S-1	
Linderman	CPT	CSB	Co Cdr	S
Alexander	CPT	BBde	BAMO	S
Alayon	CPT	CSB	S-1	
Stepp	CPT	6/502	Chaplin	
Ringler	CPT	6/502nd IN	Co Cdr	S
Rehfield	CPT	5/502	Co Cdr	S
Penna	CPT	5/502	S-2	TS
Kollhoff	CPT	BBde	Co Cdr	
Knapp	CPT	6/502nd IN	Co Cdr	S
Jones	CPT	5/502nd IN	Co Cdr	S
Hull	CPT	6/502	S-3 Air	
Hornack	CPT	BBde	Bde G-3 Plans	S
Dominique	CPT	6/502nd IN	Co Cdr	S
Bilaek	CPT	5/502nd IN	Co Cdr	
Berardini	CPT	6/502	S-2	TS
Arnold	CPT	5/502nd IN	Co Cdr	S
Amann	CPT	CSB	Co Cdr	TS
Stiver	CIV	BBde	Historian	S
Rauhut	1LT	BBde	CG Aide	S
Kapahnke	CIV	BBde	Driver	
Carson	SGT	BBde	Security	
Bus Driver	CIV		Contractor	N/A

Count: 49

## ASSIGNMENTS

5/502:

1. SITE

AT TOP OF LANDGRAFENBERG

Brief Failure of the Prussians to Defend the Landgrafenberg.

2. SITE

*Brief Rodiger / Closewitz / Cospeda actions*

VICINITY OF NAPOLEONSTEIN MONUMENT

TOPIC

Role of Lannes and Advanced Guard in Shaping the Battle.

6/502:

3. SITE

JUST NORTH OF VIERZEHNHEILIGEN

TOPIC

*S — Noy*

*Issersdorf Woods*

Prussian Actions around Vierzehnheiligen, i.e., Frederickian Linear Tactics vs French Flexibility (Grawert's Division).

4. SITE

VICINITY KAPPELLENDORF

*Brief Prussian fighting vic  
K + G Bornstedt + Kap-dorf prior  
to Ruchel*

TOPIC

Ruchel's Failure to Reinforce Hohenlowe and the Subsequent French Exploitation.

CSB

5. SITE

WEST SIDE OF HASSENHAUSEN

TOPIC

Davout's Corps vs the Main Prussian Army; Davout's Personal Impact.

ASSIGNMENTS (CONTIN)

BDE STAFF (XO)

6. SITE

VICINITY SPIELBERG

TOPIC

Role of Prussian Cavalry during Battle of Auerstedt

BDE STAFF (G3)

7. SITE

AUERSTEDT

TOPIC

The Classic Pursuit and Destruction of the Prussian Army.

## **Battle of Jena Staff Ride, 21-23 April 1993**

### **Itinerary and Events**

**21 April: Background Lecture and travel to Jena**

**22 April**

**7:00 Breakfast**

**8:00 Depart Hotel**

**8:30 Windknolle**  
Brief on Prussian failure to defend the Land-  
grafenberg (5/502)

Walk along the Windknollen

Discuss fighting around Cosewitz, Luetzroda and  
Cospeda

Brief on role of Lannes and advanced guard in  
shaping of battle (5/502)

**9:30 Visit Museum**

**10:00 Depart Museum**  
Drive toward Vierzehnheiligen

**10:10 Stop at Ney marker**  
Discuss actions of Ney's Corps

**10:30 Windmühle**  
Discuss terrain and actions in area

**10:50 General Grawert Marker**  
Brief on Prussian linear tactics vs. French  
flexibility (6/502)

Discuss fight around Vierzehnheiligen

**11:50 Lunch**

**13:35 Dornburg Monument**  
Napoleon's view of battlefield and Old Guard  
position

14:15 Kapellendorf

14:20 Sperlingberg (vicinity Kappellendorf)  
Discuss Prussian actions around Klein- and Gross-  
Romstedt and Kapellendorf prior to Ruechel's  
arrival  
Brief on Ruechel's failure to reinforce Hohenlohe  
and subsequent French exploitation (6/502)

15:30 Von Winkel monument  
Role of Saxon cavalry

23 April

6:30 Breakfast

7:30 Depart hotel

8:30 North side of Hassenhausen  
Overview of battlefield and tactical situation  
Brief on Davout's Corps vs. main Prussian army  
and Davout's personal impact (CSB)

Zaekwar  
Battlefield from Prussian view

Poppel  
Discuss actions around Poppel

9:30 South side of Hassenhausen  
Brief on role of Prussian cavalry (XO)  
Discuss fighting south of Hassenhausen

10:30 Hill overlooking Auerstedt  
Discuss French attack  
Brief on classic pursuit and destruction of the  
Prussian Army (G3)

11:10 Hill overlooking Eckartsberg  
Davout's final position at end of battle  
Final actions

12:00 Lunch



13:20 Depart for Buchenwald

14:00 Arrive Buchenwald  
Guided visit of concentration camp  
Meeting with camp survivor

16:30 Depart for Berlin

19:45 Arrive Berlin

Class give  
to participants prior  
to departure

JENA STAFF RIDE

21 Apr 93

slide map

## I NAPOLEON BONAPARTE

slide  
600

BIO Sketch (Yorck Comment!) \*  
NO micro-manager - lets subords do job (usually)

## II STRATEGY (At this time included what we now call operational level)

### A. FRENCH

#### • STRATEGIC DECEPTION

-- King of Holland (Brother Joseph)

ordered to bridge Rhine, move troops,  
plant reports in the press. Make

Prussians deploy forces to counter the threat

• Drive <sup>strategic envelopment</sup> ~~Sabot~~ between Pr & Russian  
forces threatening Pr LOC (movement  
not les decariera) is <sup>contestation or</sup> ~~strategic penetration~~

• Use Sacke River to cover West flank

• Move in 3 columns thru the passes  
from Bavaria into Saxony -- all  
within supporting distance to mass  
against any enemy encountered.

• Be prepared to use forces along  
Rhine as avail for strategic envelopment

#### • STRATEGIC MOVEMENT FORMATION

BN CARREE

slide In Carree ①, ②, ③

[Read  
Quote]

Prussia

Jena

39 K Holleische

(7,300 cas)

112 Cannon

Berlin

63 K

(9,600 cas)

163 Cannon

Casualties

Jena

FR 5,000

PR 10,000  
15,000 POW  
34 colors  
120 Cannon

Auerstedt

FR 258 off  
~7,000 troops

25% of total strength  
casualty

Morand Div - 408

PR

1,000  
3,000 POW  
115 Cannon

## II The Armies

### A. Prussian (and Saxon)

#### • Composition

\* (Slide) Fire is nap

#### • ~~Leadership~~ Tactics

Infantry .. Linear warfare - 3 ranks

.. Prussian movements

.. Only "Skirmishers" were special units. Fr. & T. used.

Frischaaren -- specially recruited --

as skirmishers. 1806 only

Jäger and Schützen used --

Significant factor!

.. 108 paces/minute

.. halt to fire volley at 200 yds (altds often longer in pendulum of battle)

Prussian inf  
fire was extremely  
effective!

... File volume used to

destroy enemy lines.

.. FEW/NO Reserves kept --

all avail muskets firing  
to achieve overwhelming superiority

- Arty -- well drilled, but not necessarily accurate
  - Horses for arty drawn right from plows
  - Not considered an "elite" arm in Prussian Army

- CAV
  - Peasant economy of Prussia kept horses on farms or on reduced rations
  - minimum riding allowed
  - little training in large units (Saxon Cava was better trained)

- Staff
  - no actual Staff
  - 3 rival Chiefs of Staff from 3 organizations
  - Ober Kriegs Collegium acted in some ways as a <sup>staff</sup> ~~in~~ <sup>in</sup> ~~staff~~ <sup>staff</sup> + thus did some Staff functions

Orders to each indiv unit with precise notation

- High level Organ. Bns → Regts → Divisions (combined arms)

\* NO CORPS! \*

- Leadership ④
  - .. King Fred. William III - weak  
no skill  
(36)
  - ... Wife (Louise) dominant force
  - .. Duke of Brunswick 71  
last war (Valmy 1792)
  - .. Prince of Hohenlohe (60) Read  
Quite
  - .. Gen von Riechel (52)
  - .. Gen von Blucher (64)
  - .. All division Cdrs > 60  
most reg't Cdrs!
- Prussian tactics were not the  
problem -- Prussian leadership was!

B. French

• Composition (Slide vs Fr/GT)

⑤

• Tactics

.. Inf

... Ordre Mixte Slide

... Mass

... Skirmishers!!!

~~... Artillery~~

~~... Cavalry in mass at right time~~

... No luxuries → small trains

... VETERAN ARMY

... drilled

... Deploy into line at 100 yds,  
valley + follow with bayonet

~~... Long Distance Combat!~~

... Signif reserves committed at  
critical moment

... \* AUS 20mi/day marching -- pushed --

.. Art

... Massed <sup>35</sup> batteries!

(1st time at Jena)

... Technical proficiency

... elite arm

... "JTBs with guns that wars are made"

... Initial bombardment to open  
tactical action

.. CAV

... recon

... screening

... deception

- ... force enemy to change formation ⑥
- ... Large reserves massed for use at critical moment!
- ... Pursuit!

## • Staff

- ... Better than any other army in Europe
- ... Good orders process → NAP to Battalion to Corps Cms to Div Cms to Bde

[The secret to French army's Superior mobility!]

Other armies could not effectively get orders out.

[Had Fr Army averaged 5 miles/day less, they could not have concentrated to fight Prussians at S/A]

- ... Corps D'Armée - Combined arms - able to fight 2:1 odds <sup>Slide</sup> exposure for 24 hrs. Great flexibility

## • Leadership

- ... Experienced field leadership
- ... Crowd leaders - some young, some old



... Marshalls - much better than  
counterparts in Prussian Army

## A Winning Combination

III

JENA

slide Jena

- Nap - seize Landgrabenberg Road  
w/ Lannes Strength 425  
follow w/ arty + Imp 60 Fr 96 K  
.. orders other Corps to mass 120,000  
→ Davout + Bern. to envelop (20K + 24K)  
PA  
39 K  
112 guns  
(7300 Cav)
- Fog - No attempt to defend  
L-burg
- Atk to seize  
Lützow - Lannes  
Closeby - Angere  
Rodiger - Soult back & forth initially

[Tourentzien thought "flank guard"]

Hohenzollern  
+ Prussian Mission → cover withdrawal  
of main army! confusion

- Lannes pushes into Vierzehnheiligen  
• Skirmishes

- Neg pushes between Cannes + Angers<sup>⑧</sup>  
3K

out of  
arms

.. cut off

.. Nap forced to fight before  
concentrated!

.. Got fight off Prussian CAV run  
Nap

- Grawert - moves on V-n
  - hates to fire valley,
  - waits for Richel
  - massive losses

- Prussians push add'l div into action

- French put add'l 42K men \*

\* on battlefield between 0630 - 1230

[Nap's orders / open'l system!]

- 1230 - Nap orders atk

.. Art'y masses fire

.. Inf atks

.. Critical moment → HUY

CAV launched

.. Prussians broken - fall

back to G/K Remstead + Kappelerhof

-- unable to stand!

⑨

• Rüdchel - goat?

Requested to move 0930

.. broke camp

.. moved → changed form.

moved x country

.. order to stand + fight

.. stood on open ground w/  
both flanks exposed

.. FR out flank

• 20K (+) French CAV move into  
exploitation

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FR	29K (1600 CAV)	PR	63K
	46 guns		163 guns
Auerstadt	Side Auerstadt		(9600 CAV)

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• Davout - orders to envelop - Appolden

Bernadotte → also

• Naumburg - Kosen pass

• Fog lifts + advanced Bd in middle  
of Prussian formation

• Falls back on Hassenlauer

.. Blücher → unsupported 9th

.. Other major Pr units → Tangled

• Gudin outnumbered + taking casualties

- ⑥
- Front to north (greatest threat?)
  - Prussians atk S. → only one reg't!  
(another prob.)
  - Pushed out → Davout brings reinforcements
  - Massed marches directly into battle on S.

.. 30 sqdras atk

- Brunswick - leading ba of Ger. - ~~Pruss~~
- .. King in cmd?

- Critical moment → Fr stressed to breaking pt  
.. add'l Pr Div → not massed  
→ divided

- Casualties mount
- Davout orders atk
- Prussians break
- Pushed back (little Fr cav)
- Covering action
- 1630 - French exhausted

~~READ CASUALTIES~~

NEXT Day

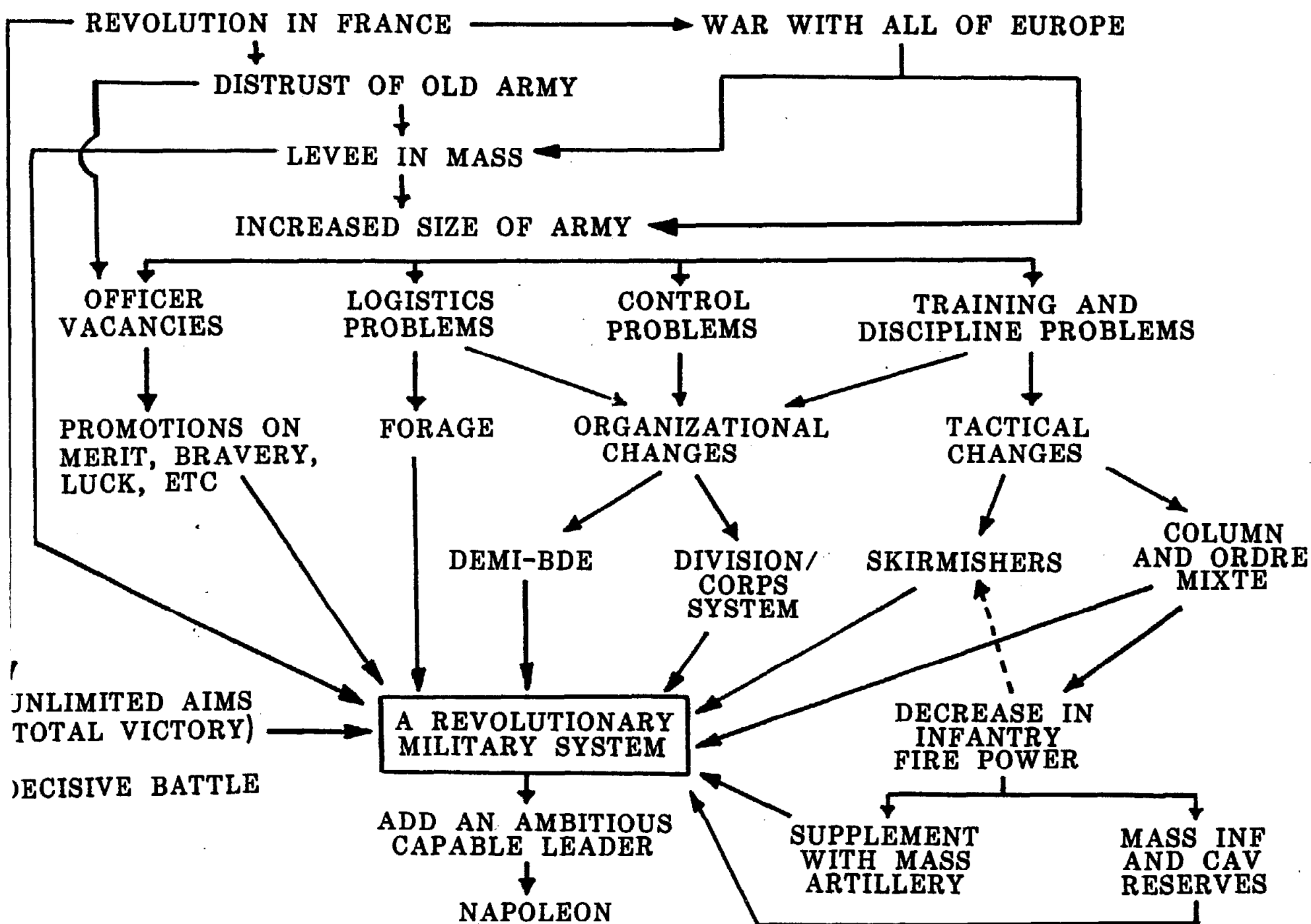
slide pursuit

- Classic pursuit begins that only ends w/ complete decimation & slide - ~~Surrender~~ Prussian army!

# FREDERICK THE GREAT VS. NAPOLEON

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TYPE SOLDIER:	LONG TERM PROFESSIONAL	CONSCRIPTION	
SOCIAL CLASS:	OFF EM	UPPER CLASS LOWER CLASS	PROMOTION ON MERIT
ADMIN/LOG:	MAGAZINES	MAGAZINES PLUS FORAGE	
ARMY SIZE:	≈ 50,000	> 100,000 IN 7 BATTLES	
TACTICS INF:	RIGID LINES	COLUMN, ORDRE MIXTE, SKIRMISHER	
ARTY:	GENERAL CANNONADE	MASSED ARTY AT DECISIVE POINT	
STRATEGY:	ARMIES MOVE AS ONE BODY	DIV/CORPS SYSTEM	
	SIEGES AND DECISIVE BATTLE AVOIDED	AVOID SIEGES/SEEK DECISIVE BATTLE	
POLITICAL OBJECTIVES:	LIMITED	TOWARD TOTAL WAR	
SOURCE OF DISCIPLINE:	FEAR	BELIEF IN CAUSE/ PATRIOTISM	
ULTIMATE SUCCESS:	YES	NO	



SKIRMISHERS

BN ON LINE



(VETERAN UNIT)



BN IN COLUMN

(NEW RECRUITS)



BN IN COLUMN

(NEW RECRUITS)

THE DEMI-BRIGADE  
(LATER REGIMENT)  
IN ORDRE MIXTE